

City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Seattle Police Department R. Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

July 9, 2007

Mayor Greg Nickels Seattle City Hall 600 Fourth Avenue Seattle Washington 98124-4769

Re: Mayor Nickels' Request for Review of the George T. Patterson Case

Dear Mayor Nickels,

By letter dated June 20, 2007, you asked me for a review and written report of matters relating to the complaint filed by George T. Patterson with the Office of Professional Accountability (OPA). You asked that I consider (1) the original investigation of Mr. Patterson's complaint and the findings by the OPA; (2) concerns regarding the investigative process, including inquiries by the Chief of Police; and (3) the OPA Review Board's draft report on Mr. Patterson's case given to the Seattle Times on June 18, 2007.

I conducted an in-depth review of the OPA investigation done on Mr. Patterson's case, including a review of the case file, a review of the video taken of the arrest, interviews with numerous individuals involved with the investigation, and meetings with members of the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board and other Seattle citizens interested in this matter. I have completed my review and my report is attached.

Thank you and I look forward to discussing my findings in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn Olson, Director

Office of Professional Accountability

cc:

Seattle City Councilmembers
Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske
Kate Pflaumer, OPA Auditor
Peter Holmes, OPARB member
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